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SUPT.'S CORNER

There will be some facility changes that will affect the operations of how we are doing business at PREF.

I am moving responsibilities of classification and A&O to Specialist II James Cook. He will also supervise the Westendorf, Walsh, and Johnston dorms. Specialist II Randy Boys will be supervising Lincoln, Dunbar, Tanner, Young, Stegemiller, and Seibold dorms. Mr. Boys will still be responsible for the substance abuse and OIS coordinator's job tasks. In the near future, all outside detail workers will be transferred to the Stegemiller dorm. If any resident refuses to work and refuses to relocate to the Stegemiller dorm, the assigned specialist will write a conduct report and the resident will be fired from the outside detail. The specialist will then notify Don Chamness immediately so the resident will no longer be paid. Residents will not have an option as to which dorm they live in.

These changes are currently in a "work-in-process" with a goal for a smooth and complete transition by February 09, 2007.

Also, effective immediately, any food purchased from the Deli will be allowed back into the dorm area. If there is question regarding the purchase, the staff is encouraged to ask for a receipt from the resident showing that food was purchased from the Deli.

NEW PREF STAFF

Please welcome the following new staff members to the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility:

**Pennie Mathis,
Re-Entry Coordinator**

**Henry Hunter,
Correctional Officer**

**Demarlo Cheatham,
Correctional Officer**

**Conray Wright,
Correctional Officer**

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Gary Smith, Re-Entry Specialist III

I was born in 1959 in Spokane, WA, and grew up in Missoula, Montana. I come from a family of 8 kids, of which I'm in the middle.

I was a missionary in Bolivia from 1978-1980. During my two years there, this poor and unstable country had 6 presidents and 2 coup d'etats. For several months, I lived near one of the richest tin and silver mines in the world (Cerro Rico) at an altitude of almost 14,000 feet. Later, I moved to the jungle areas, some of which are part of the Amazon River basin.

In 2002, I retired after 20 years in the Air Force, 4 years as a Military Police K9 handler and 16 years working with computers. I've been stationed in Texas, South Korea, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Pentagon.

After my career in the Air Force, my wife, Ramona, and I moved back to her hometown of Plainfield and I began working as an office manager for a company that makes parts for NASCAR and Indy Cars, and for a company that makes high-end automated swimming pool covers.

I have a MA in Teaching/History, a BS in Business, and an AA in Information Systems. I began working for IDOC in May 2006 at IYC, and transferred to PREF on January 14, 2007.

Currently, I keep myself busy as a Boy Scout leader, playing Frisbee disc golf, church volunteer work, theology, photography and astronomy (my favorite constellation is the Southern Cross) and outdoors activities. I am also learning to be a Colts fan, not yet rabid, but a fan, nonetheless.

EDUCATION NEWS

Charlton School Vocational/Ivy Tech Programs at Capacity

The Charlton School at PREF offers vocational programs for Building Trades, Culinary Arts and Ivy Tech Community College programs for Entrepreneurship, Logistics Management and Hospitality. There are 20 student positions available for each program. As of January 24, 2007, 100% of available student positions for these programs were filled!

Literacy/GED Programs Enrollments Growing

The Charlton School Literacy/GED programs enrollments are growing. On December 31, 2006, there were 20 residents enrolled in these programs. As of January 22, 2007, 50 new students

had been added to the enrollments. What growth!

Residents Earn GED Diplomas

In an arrangement that has been mutually beneficial to all, GED pre-testing and the actual GED tests for PREF/Charlton School students are conducted at the Arthur Campbell Learning Center at the Plainfield Correctional Facility. Recently, residents Kevin Johnson and Edward Tibbs became the first PREF/Charlton School students since the facility mission change to earn their GED Diplomas! Congratulations!

SPORTS

P.R.E.F MINI SEASON STANDINGS AS OF WEEK 2

Tuesday 1/16/07
6:00 p.m.

Dunbar defeated Young 47-38. The high scorers of the game were Dunbar's McCutchen with 14 points and McLay and Ellis having 11 points each. Young's high scorers were A. Wall with 14 points and D. Banks with 11 points.

Tuesday 1/16/07
7:00 p.m.

Tanner defeated Westendorf (Hornaday) 78-58. The high scorers of the game for Tanner were B. Johnson and Nevings with 16 points. Dejournett had 8 points. Westendorf (Hornaday) high scorers were Sullivan with 12 points and Harter with 7 points.

Thursday 1/18/07
6:00 p.m.

Walsh defeated Westendorf (Sanders) 75 to 35. The high scorers of the game for Walsh were L. Hatcher with 16 points and D. Beckum with 14.

Westendorf (Sanders) high scorers were C. Settle with 20 points and J. Wright with 5 points.

Thursday 1/18/07

7:00 p.m.

Johnston defeated Lincoln 46 to 37. The high scorers of the game for Johnston were R. Smith with 17 points and W. Pankow and L. Jones having 8 points. Lincoln's high scorers were Abron with 10 points and Banks with 9 points.

The Championship game is Tuesday 1/30/07 at 6:30p.m. Everyone is invited, including staff!

JOB OPENINGS

Dave Phillips, Re-Entry Coordinator, is in need of two (2) lay advocates for Disciplinary Hearing Boards. Interested residents should submit their resumes with a cover letter to Mr. Phillips no later than Friday, February 2, 2007.

Daymon Brodhacker, Supervisor of Education, is looking for qualified candidates to fill the following positions: three (3) classroom assistants, four (4) classroom tutors, and two (2) law library assistants. If any resident is interested in any of these positions, he should contact Mr. Brodhacker in writing with a copy of his resume and a cover letter.